

REMARKS

A new heading and a new paragraph has been added to the Specification at page 1, line 8 to set forth a cross-reference to a related application.

Claims 1-37 and 47-54 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 38-46 remain before the Examiner for consideration. Claim 38-46 were withdrawn and subsequently canceled without prejudice in the parent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/583,249) as a result of a restriction requirement.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above Amendments in the above-identified case, indicate the allowability of Claims 38-46, and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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